

# **Mr. & Mrs. Willis K. Miller correspondence S0965**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Lilly, Josiah Kirby, 1861-1948
<b>Creator</b>	Miller, Isabelle Aurelia, 1872-1965
<b>Creator</b>	Miller, Willis K., 1867-1955
<b>Title</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Willis K. Miller correspondence
<b>Date</b>	1926-1934
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S0965

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Willis K. Miller was born on a farm near Clermont, Indiana on February 15, 1867 to David and Verlinda Miller. He married Isabelle Aurelia Moore on June 27, 1900. Isabelle was born January 6, 1872 in Marion County, Indiana to William and Lucy Moore. The Millers had one son, Herschel E. Miller. They purchased Benton House in the Irvington neighborhood of Indianapolis in 1907 and the family owned it until 1966 when Herschel sold it to the Irvington Historic Landmarks Foundation. Willis Miller worked in real estate and later became the president of the Granite Sand and Gravel Company. He died on January 4, 1955. Isabelle Miller graduated from Butler University and was a member of the Women's Department Club, Irvington Garden Club, and the Irvington Tuesday Club. She died on January 10, 1965.

### Sources:

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"Isabel Miller is Dead at 93." *Indianapolis News*, January 11, 1965.

"Willis K. Miller, Retired Gravel Firm Executive, Dies." *Indianapolis Star*, January 5, 1955.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes an April 20, 1926 letter sent to Willis K. Miller from F. Heath Coggins, art editor of *Country Homes* magazine, regarding the magazine's interest in obtaining photographs or engravings of the Miller's home, Benton House, located in the Irvington area of Indianapolis, Indiana. The collection also contains a January 9, 1934 letter sent by Josiah K. Lilly to Isabelle Aurelia Miller regarding a biography, *Stephen Foster: America's Troubadour* by John Tasker Howard and a January 16th concert at the Ayres Auditorium featuring songs by Foster and performed by the Foster Hall Colored Quartet.

## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Processing Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Genre(s)

- Correspondence

### Geographic Name(s)

- Irvington (Indianapolis, Ind.)

### Personal Name(s)

- Foster, Stephen Collins, 1826-1864

### Subject(s)

- Dwellings
- Music